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In re Patent Application of:  
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OF SEMICONDUCTOR NANOCRYSTALS  
ACROSS BIOLOGICAL MEMBRANES

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 05, 2007, for which a response was due on February 05, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a five month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 05, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.